

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
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DEVICE FOR REMOVING LEAD SULFATE  
FILM FORMED IN LEAD-ACID BATTERY  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE PTO FILING FEE**

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.